

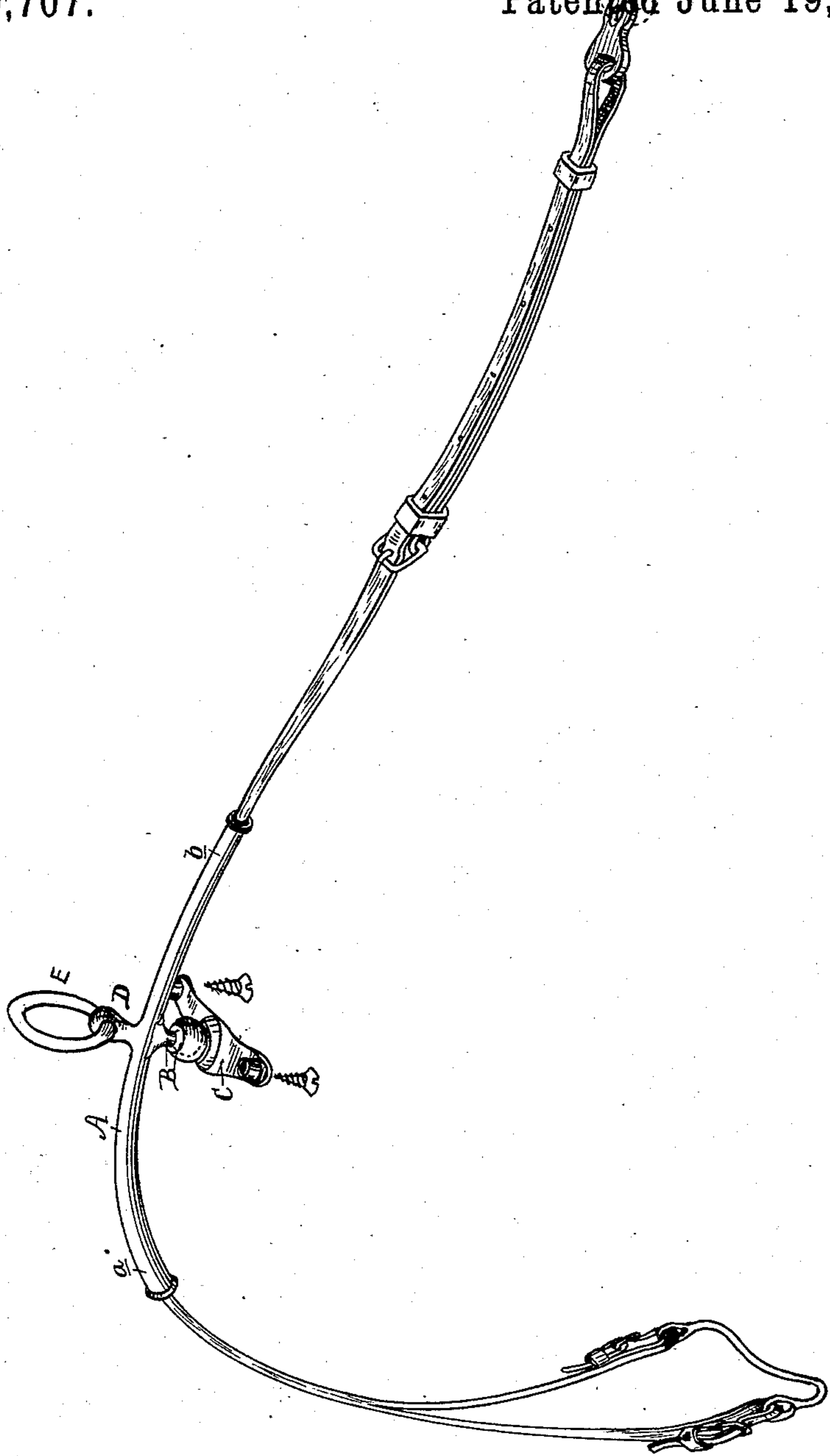
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## CHECK-REIN CARRIER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, L. EUGENE CHAMPLAIN, of Ypsilanti, in the county of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tubular Carriers for Overchecks; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

The nature of this invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in devices for carrying the overcheck-rein of a bridle over the head of the animal, thereby preventing any wear of the foretop and mane.

The invention consists in the employment of a curved tube, through which the rein loosely passes, said tube being supported upon a universal joint attached to a plate which is secured to the top of the headstall of the bridle, as more fully hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and wherein my device is shown in perspective, A represents a metallic tube supported by means of a ball-and-socket joint, B, on the plate C, which is designed to be secured in any suitable way, either rigidly or removably, to the top of the head-strap of the bridle. Forward of the bearing the tube is curved, as at *a*, to pass over the foretop of the horse, while in rear of said bearing the tube is inclined downward, as at *b*, to carry the check-rein over the mane. The ball-and-socket joint allows the animal to freely turn his head without having his foretop and mane injured and cut by the friction of the tightly-drawn overcheck-rein. The tube A is provided directly over its bearing with an eye, D, in which a ring, E, is arranged. This ring not only serves as a means for suspending the bridle from a hook or nail, but when lead-horses are used the rein may be passed

through it to the lead-horse, and thus be supported.

In practice this device is attached to the bridle, as described, and the overcheck-rein passes through it, as can be seen in the drawing.

I do not claim to be the inventor of the combination of a rein-carrier attached by a swiveled standard to a base-plate connected to the head-strap of a bridle, for I believe that such a combination was in use prior to my invention.

It is not necessary to enumerate the many advantages this carrier possesses over check-rein carriers now in use; but I will state that the rein, passing through the tube, as shown, by drawing, is at all times held in proper place, thus overcoming the liability of its being thrown out of the central part of the carrier, as is the case with the carrier now in use, which latter is simply a grooved metallic plate having means for confining the rein in place at the ends only, which will allow of the rein slipping out of the grooves and draw across the fore part of the head.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A tubular overcheck-rein carrier pivotally secured to the top of a bridle, said carrier having a covering for the rein at or near the center of its length adapted to support a ring-holder and hold the rein in place, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

2. In combination with a bridle for a horse, a metallic tubular check-rein carrier, a plate secured to said bridle, and a ball-and-socket joint connecting said plate and carrier, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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